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SUBJECT: "Bug Battling Material"...Information from the victory garden headquarters of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Maybe you haven't run into any bugs in you garden yet. But the gardening specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture tell us to remember -- it can happen here. Insects attack any garden. And they can wreck havoc in the very best of vegetable plots. But not if we're ready for them.

What is being ready for them? Well...we need to know what insect is causing the trouble...and the treatment for it. Fortunately, we aren't defenseless when it comes to these insect attacks. Reports from the War Food Administration show that supplies of bug battling material this year are plentiful enough to meet the needs of victory gardeners. For one thing, gardeners didn't use all the supplies of insecticides put up in small packages last year. So we started the season with a pretty good backlog. Then this year's allocations to manufacturers are believed to be fully adequate for the small-package trade.

But if you run into difficulties -- if some insect you don't recognize or know the treatment for starts working on your plants, you'll want to get in touch with the local victory garden leader or your county agricultural agent immediately. They'll be glad to help you get the bugs out of your garden.

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